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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 November 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 27-56 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 27-56 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of IDS filed on 11/25/2003.
2. Claims 27-56 are presented for examination.
3. This application is a continuation of application 09/635,856 filed on 8/11/2000 (now U.S. 6,652,455), which claims the benefits of application No. 60/148,676 filed on 8/13/1999.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

5. Claims 27, 29-31, 36-42, 44, and 51-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Goetz (U.S. 6,397,190).

Re claims 27 and 42: Goetz discloses veterinary medication monitoring system and apparatus, which includes storing [through a memory 14] the product information within an

items database, the items database being disposed within a remote computer 18 (col.4, lines 19+), storing user data within a profile database, the user data being information about the user, the profile database being located within the remote computer 18 (as shown in figs. # 9-13; col.10, lines 65-67; col.11, lines 1+); storing profile data within the profile database, the profile data being information about interactions between the foods and medicines (col.12, lines 17-67; col.13, lines 1-39), entering packaging data into an input device 12 [through input buttons 20, 22, and 26], the input device 12 being separate and distinct from the remote computer 18, the input device being portable, the packaging data being additional information pertaining to the product (col.4, lines 37+; col.7, lines 45+); searching [through a query 60] the items database for the product information, the input device 12 using the packaging data to search the items database for the product information (col.7, lines 60-67; col.8, lines 1-67).

Re claims 29 and 44: Goetz teaches a system and method, further comprising means of display the product information on a display 26 [herein being a LCD], the display being located on the input device 12 (as shown in figs. # 2 and 22-43; col.8, lines 30+; col.18, lines 31+).

Re claims 30-31 and 45-46: Goetz discloses a system and method, retrieving the product information from the items database, the input device retrieving the product information from the items database and comparing the received product information with the profile data; and further comprising warning the user of possible allergy or incompatibility to said product, the warning being based upon a result of the step of comparing (col.15, lines 55-67; col.16, lines 1-67).

Re claims 36-41 and 51-56: Goetz teaches a system and method, wherein the items database or the profile database [wherein the profile database contains identification information related to the owner/user as disclosed in col.6, lines 55+] is a removable storage medium 14

[herein described as a smart card], disposed on the input device 12 or the remote computer 18 (as shown in figs. # 1-3; col.4, lines 15-35; col.6, lines 1-67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 28, 32-35, 43, and 47-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goetz (U.S. 6,397,190) in view of Palti (U.S. 5,700,998).

The teachings of Goetz have been discussed above. Goetz further discloses that the product information includes product name (col.7, lines 11+), product, chemicals contained with the product (col.17, lines 3+; col.17, lines 60+; col.18, lines 1+); produce suggested serving size [such as ½ tablet; 50 mg; 2 x daily; as shown in figs. # 29-30]; nutrients contained with the product (col.8, lines 35+). Goetz also discloses coding techniques/features and data encryption (col.5, lines 22+; col.6, lines 20+).

Goetz fails to teach the product information includes barcode numbers, wherein the input device is an optical scanner, wherein the product includes indicia for describing the product, wherein the indicia being a bar code and the optical scanner entering the packaging data into the input device by scanning the text.

Palti discloses drug coding and delivery system, which includes product information in the form of a barcode 53 (as shown in fig. # 1-4; col.4, lines 10-55), an optical bar code reader/scanner (as shown in fig.# 11) for reading the coded pills (col.5, lines 45+).

In view of Palti's teachings, it would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ product information in the form of barcode numbers into the teachings of Goetz as a means of identifying the product/drug. Furthermore, such modification is well known in the art [as exemplified by the examiner, see U.S. 5,971,277 of Cragun et al.] by encoding product/profile data/information in a format readable [containing related information pertinent to the product; such as name, type, manufacturer/producer, dosage of the drug, chemical components, location/storage place and the like] by scanner [with encoding/writing and decoding/reading means] so as to identify a product, and add or delete a product on a database. Moreover, such modification would have been an obvious extension as taught by Goetz, therefore an obvious expedient.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Chaco (U.S. 5,465,082) teaches apparatus for automating routine communication in a facility.

Cragun et al. (U.S. 5,804,803) discloses mechanism for retrieving information using data encoded on an object.

Bukowski (U.S. 6,588,670) teaches medical diagnostic monitoring.

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Evans et al. (U.S. 6,685,678) discloses drug delivery and monitoring system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWYN LABAZE whose telephone number is (571) 272-2395. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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